

2025-2026 #138 - Final

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In the constitution of the state of Colorado, **add** section 17 to article XVIII as follows:

**Section 17. Right to Private Health Insurance.**

**(1) Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(a) “SINGLE-PAYER INSURANCE” MEANS STATE-ADMINISTERED HEALTH INSURANCE THAT PROVIDES THE SAME HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE STATE.

**(2) Single-payer insurance prohibited.**

(a) THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SHALL NOT:

(I) BAN ACCESS TO PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE; OR

(II) REQUIRE RESIDENTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO OR PARTICIPATE IN A SINGLE-PAYER INSURANCE SYSTEM.

(b) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PROHIBIT THE STATE FROM ADMINISTERING HEALTH CARE PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE BENEFITS THROUGH MEDICAID OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM.